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RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231 703-872-9310

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2002. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by June 21, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending and are rejected. In the Office Action claims 1-63 were rejected for obviousness type double patentability. To overcome this rejection, applicant hereby submits Terminal Disclaimers for the patents forming the basis of the rejection. The Terminal Disclaimers for U.S. Patent Numbers 3,813,321, 5,970,852 and 6,058,830 are attached as required by the Examiner.

Applicant has also submitted for recordation the attached Assignment of the abovereferenced Application to Metal Fusion, Inc.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.